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ATTORNEY INDICTED FOR PERJURY

A Cuyahoga County grand jury has indicted a Cleveland attorney for allegedly lying to the court about his credentials in testimony for the defense in the trial of convicted police killer Leonard Jenkins.

David S. Feldman, 36, of Fairview Park, who was indicted by a Cuyahoga County grand jury on 21 counts of perjury, was arrested Friday at his home.

In April 1982, Jenkins was convicted in the murder of Cleveland rookie Patrolman Anthony Johnson and was the first person to be sentenced to death under Ohio's new capital punishment law.

At the Jenkins trial, a prosecution ballistics expert testified that the slug that killed Johnson came from Jenkins' gun.

Feldman said a slug found next to the Johnson's body was not fired from Jenkins' gun and could have come from the gun of another police officer or could have been a ricochet. Johnson was killed in a shootout following a bank robbery.

He was indicted on perjury counts in connection with the Jenkins trial and two other Cuyahoga County Common Pleas cases in 1978 and 1981.

According to the indictment, he made false statements about his background, including telling a jury he was employed and conducted ballistics tests for the CIA.